

List of Current Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for updating device descriptions for different field devices, sensors or ~~actors~~ actuators for determining, and influencing process variables in process automation technology, whereby the field devices are connected via a field bus, whereby in each case a device description describes the functionality of the corresponding field device in a standardized language, and whereby a control unit and an external server are employed, comprising the steps of:

storing ~~the actual~~ preconfigured device descriptions for the field devices on a central server connected to the field bus via the internet;

storing and running an application program in the control unit for servicing, configuring, parameterizing, or troubleshooting the field device; and

downloading from the central server via the internet, by the application program in the control unit, ~~an actual the preconfigured~~ device description of the corresponding field device to be serviced ~~from the central server~~ in the case that the ~~actual preconfigured~~ version of the device description of the field device is not available in the control unit.

8. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the application program queries the external server, in regular intervals, as to whether new device descriptions are available.

9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the device descriptions are device descriptions DDs.

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Claim 10 (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the device descriptions in the external server are saved in respective
national languages.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)